



# Yucca Weekly Update



Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

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Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival  
Headliners. Above Larry Coryell; below  
the Gabriel Alegria Afro-Peruvian Sextet.



**Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival.** Glendale's Office of Special Events is pleased to announce the jazz headliners for the 27th annual Jazz & Blues Festival, scheduled for April 17-18 in downtown Glendale's Murphy Park.

Headlining the jazz stage on Saturday is the Larry Coryell Trio. World-renowned guitar master Larry Coryell has recorded more than 75 albums over the past 40 years as a bandleader, soloist and 'featured accompanist'. To his fans, he is known as one of "the guitar gods" going back to the late 1970s and heralded as "a true pioneer of rock-jazz fusion" by The New York Times, and "the Godfather of Fusion" by Down Beat Magazine.

Sunday's jazz headliner will be the Gabriel Alegria Afro-Peruvian Sextet, performing a form of World Jazz with a distinctive approach to the jazz trumpet combined with the rich heritage of Afro-Peruvian music. The band is described by The LA Times as "a fascinating glimpse into how jazz is fusing with regional music around the world."

The Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival will include great music as well as craft artisans, and delicious food and beverages, including wine tasting by Kokopelli Winery. The event will run Saturday, April 17 from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday, April 18 from noon to 6 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Parking is located throughout the downtown area, including handicapped parking. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

Sponsors for the event include KTVK Channel 3, Arizona Republic, KOOL, KMLE, JAMZ, Kokopelli Winery, Sedona Pines, Pacific Monarch Resorts, Snapple, Glendale Residence Inn and Glendale Springhill Suites.

The Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival is produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events. For more information, [click here](#) or call the special event hotline at (623) 930-2299.

**National Library Week.** National Library Week is being celebrated this year from April 11-17. All over the country, people are acknowledging the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers. They can be found in public, college, school and special libraries. [Click here](#) to see what's happening at your Glendale Libraries in honor of National Library Week.

## Yucca District Meeting

6 p.m.

Monday, May 17

Coyote Ridge Elementary School  
7677 W. Bethany Home Rd.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, [click here](#) or call the City Council Office at (623) 930-2878.

**Federal Stimulus Funding for Energy Efficiency Improvements.** The city of Glendale received an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) in the amount of \$2.32 million, to implement new energy-efficient lighting and other projects in city facilities and create an education campaign for residents. The city identified projects which are expected to reduce long-term energy use and costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve safety and reduce city maintenance and repair costs.

The benefits to the community are expected to include a long-term reduction in city operating and maintenance costs, improvements in the ambient air quality through the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, and a contributing factor to a healthier economy through the retention of existing jobs and creation of new contract jobs. The greatest long-term benefit will come from the public education and energy awareness programs that will help residents and businesses

conserve energy resources and lower their energy costs and educate school children about the importance of lifelong responsible energy.

The grant will reduce ongoing operating costs and will help offset rising electric costs. Rebates offered by electric utility companies may be available once these grant-funded projects are completed. Any rebates earned from these projects will be reinvested into the program to help the city continue the conservation efforts promoted by the EECBG.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding received in Glendale.

**Glendale Federal Funding Plans Available for Public Review.** Glendale's Community Revitalization Division announces that both the FY 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2010-2011 Annual Action Plan are available for public review and comment until Monday, April 26. A public hearing to adopt the plans is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27 in the Council Chambers, Glendale Municipal Office Complex, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. For more information, [click here](#) and scroll down to "News & Events."

**Northern Avenue Road Closure.** Northern Avenue, from 56th Lane to 59th Avenue, will be closed from Friday, April 9th, at 3 a.m., to Monday, April 12th, at 4 a.m. North and southbound traffic on 59th Avenue will not be affected, but traffic will not be able to turn eastbound onto Northern Avenue. Businesses will remain open and accessible during this closure. The storm drain pipe alignment crosses over from the SOUTH side of Northern Avenue to the NORTH side of Northern Avenue, between 57th Drive and 58th Avenue.

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Please remember that construction schedules some-times need to be adjusted due to weather, utility coordination, or various other factors. Should you have questions, comments or concerns regarding this project, contact the project hotline at 1(877) 203-0042.

## Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

**Recession Response Classes Continue.** If you are still on the job hunt, go to [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library) and click on "recession response." There you can check out the free computer classes the Glendale Public Library is offering. A variety of classes are available through July. For more information, call (623) 930-3555.

**Spring Book Sale at Foothills Branch Library.** Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., is gearing up for its semi-annual book sale, which will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 10. The Spring Book Sale will be held in the meeting rooms and has something for everyone.

Expect to find fiction and non-fiction books, children's books, and even videos, recorded books and CDs, depending on donations from the community. The tables are jam-packed with bargains and treasures ranging from Dr. Seuss to Aristotle. The final hour becomes a shopper's dream, with \$1.00 bags. The library supplies the bag, and bargain hunters can fill them with whatever is left. For more information, call (623) 930-3849.

**Foothills Acoustic Jam Session.** Join us at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 13 for the Foothills Acoustic Jam Session, where everyone can bring their acoustic instrument and play round-robin style. The Foothills Branch Library is located at 19055 N. 57th Ave.

**Live at the Library.** Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., has a special free event planned for Live at the Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 15. The Bad Cactus Brass Band will be performing in the auditorium. The group is a New Orleans Second Line street jazz band based in Phoenix. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

**Military Academy Day.** Congressman Ed Pastor is hosting a Military Academy Day on Saturday, April 17, 10-11 a.m., at Alhambra High School Auditorium, 3839 W. Camelback Road. Those attending can speak with representatives from various academies, learn how the nomination process works and learn about application requirements and deadlines. For more information, call the Office of Congressman Pastor at (602) 256-0551.

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